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New claims 33 - 38 have been added to afford assured full and specific coverage for important particular aspects of applicants' invention. Support for these new claims is found in the original specification as follows (referring to numbered paragraphs in applicants' patent application publication No. 2002/0110063):

Claim 33, "said recording layer being crystallized by initializing with laser radiation" is supported by disclosure at paragraphs [0164], [0174], [0206], [0225] and [0274]; "focused semiconductor laser beam DC irradiates . . ." is supported by disclosure at paragraphs [0043] and [0165].

Claims 34, 35, 36 and 37 are supported by disclosure at paragraphs [0084], [0085] and [0086] and in FIG. 1.

Claim 38 is supported by disclosure at paragraphs [0084] and [0166].

It is submitted that new claim 33 distinguishes in at least the same manner as claim 1 over the prior art applied against claim 1 in the Office Action dated September 20, 2005, and that claim 33 is therefore allowable at least for the reasons set forth (with respect to claim 1) in applicants' aforementioned Amendment mailed March 15, 2006, the Remarks of which are incorporated herein by this reference. Claims 34 - 38 are submitted to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on claim 33.

Entry of this Supplemental Amendment, and favorable action,
are accordingly courteously requested.

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